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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Sustainable Design and Development

Leading architects, builders, and customers are designing and constructing innovative, environmentally compatible, energy efficient, and people-friendly buildings through a process known as sustainable design and development (SDD).

The Army has adopted the Sustainable Project Rating Tool (SPiRiT) scoring and rating process to characterize the sustainability of a building on a bronze, silver, gold, and platinum scale. All buildings designed and constructed after June 2001 should achieve a bronze rating, with select showcase projects identified to achieve gold and platinum ratings.

I am convinced that this process is an excellent method for improving the quality of the facilities we build to support readiness, training, and soldier well-being. Therefore, I ask your personal support to make this initiative a success. I have asked the Chief of Engineers and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management to report back to me on actions being taken to incorporate sustainability into your construction projects. I would also be interested in any particular ideas or experiences that you may have had in implementing this program.

Information on SDD documents and SPiRiT is available on the web at <http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/fd/linksSDD.htm> and <http://www.cecer.army.mil/sustdesign>.


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